

# Washington State Patrol Media Release

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## WSP Mobile DUI Vehicle in Town

The Washington State Patrol's mobile DUI vehicle will be in Spokane for "Hoopfest" weekend. The Mobil Impaired Driving Unit will be located at Pine and Main down town Spokane, Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be three BAC operators at the MIDU site. The MIDU will be a significant time saving tool to officers that will be processing a DUI suspect. A routine DUI arrest takes 60 to 90 minutes to process. Troopers and local officers will be able to transport the DUI suspect to the MIDU, write a short case report and the MIDU personal will take over the DUI investigation. Officers will save up to an hour of DUI process time, allowing the officer to get back on patrol.

There will be nine extra Troopers and extra Drug Recognition Experts working Hoopfest weekend in a zero tolerance effort toward DUI offenders.

